

was given an enhancement of Rs. 216—11—0, especially at the time of financial depression?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I think there was some special understanding in this case about the pension to which he will be due at the time of retirement.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Understanding between whom?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Between the Durbar and himself.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—At the time of the appointment?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know what were the terms?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It was not at the time of his appointment. It was subsequent to that. It was during the course of his career.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What are the special reasons for entering into a contract after he was appointed. Was there any special reason for that?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Well, I do not know what were the special considerations that induced the Durbar at that time. Anyhow there was a definite understanding about his pension arrived at years ago.

Chittur Municipality—Tax on buffalos and oxen.

226. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether any tax is levied by the Chittur Municipality on buffalos and oxen kept for agricultural purpose ;

2. whether there is any such practise in other Municipalities;

2. if so, how much amount has been collected by the Chittur and other Municipalities during the last three years?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—1. Tax is levied in the Chittur Municipality on buffalos and oxen kept within the Municipality, irrespective of the purpose for which they are kept.

2. In the Mattancheri and Trichur Municipalities also a similar tax is levied. In the Ernakulam Municipality no buffalos or oxen are kept for agricultural purposes.

3. Separate accounts are not kept to show the receipt from tax on buffalos or oxen kept for agricultural purposes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is there any rule by which the buffalos are taxed? In some Municipalities they are

not taxed, while in others they are. Are there different rules for different Municipalities for the levy of tax?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Rules are the same for all the Municipalities.

Chittur Municipality.

227. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to place a copy of the final orders of the Government with regard to the election of the Chittur-Tattamangalam Municipality;

(2) is there any proposal to nominate a non-official Chairman?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) Extracts of the Diwan's Proceedings C. 88/1106, dated 15th April 1932 on the subject is appended. (*Appendix IV*).

(2) No.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Did they consider about the nomination of a non-official Chairman?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is not quite sure how far such a proposal will be conducive to the efficient administration of the Municipality at the moment.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was this also considered?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I don't think it was.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Does the Government think that in the whole Taluk of Chittur there is not a fit non-official to preside over the Municipality?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Perhaps the difficulty is quite the other way. There are several factions. There are several leaders and consequently when once a Chairman is elected we get a good deal of difficulties in the day to day administration.

Sub-Magistrate's confirmation.

228. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) who was the senior-most acting Sub-Magistrate when Mr. Parameswara Menon was confirmed.

(b) have there been any complaints from them?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Mr. Parameswara Menon.

(b) There were complaints from Mr. Subramania Ayyar the acting Magistrate at Chittur.